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OECD FOR AMBASSADOR MARTIN

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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 10697

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON AAGE BOTHNER, HEAD OF DIVISION DEALING WITH
FAO, ECOSOC AND UNCTAD IN FOREIGN OFFICE AND OUTLINED PRELIMINARY
USG VIEWS ON WFC. BOTHNER WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT U.S. ATTITUDES
AND MENTIONED THAT NORWAY WAS PLEASED AT SELECTION OF AMBASSADOR
MARTIN TO HEAD US DELEGATION. NORWEGIAN DELEGATION AT NEW YORK
PREPCOM WILL BE COMPRISED OF MEMBERS OF THEIR PERMANENT MISSION TO
THE U.N. DELEGATES AT LATER PREPCOMS AND WFC WILL BE DRAWN FROM
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THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOREIGN OFFICE AND BOTHNER WILL

INFORM US OF NAMES AFTER SELECTION.

2. BOTHNER STATED THAT NORWAY AGREES WITH US POSITION ON "THEME" OF WFC AND THE NEED TO REACH "AGREEMENT ON BROAD PRINCIPALS" AT THE PREPCOM MEETING. HOWEVER, BOTHNER REJECTED AS "UNREALISTIC" USG BELIEF (PARA 6 OF REF) THAT "MTN COULD BE FACILITATED IF WFC, IN LINE WITH PARA 10 D (OF REF), WOULD REITERATE TOKYO DECLARATION ON NEED FOR EXPANSION OF WORLD TRADE IN BASIC FOODS THROUGH REDUCTION OF OBSTACLES TO THEIR IMPORT AND EXPORT" INSTEAD, HE PROPOSED THAT TRADE ISSUES BE APPROACHED IN LINE WITH THE UN "AGENDA FOR PREPARATORY COMMITTEE - 1ST SESSION, ITEM 5 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA, NOTE 5," WHICH CALLS FOR TRADE TO BE HANDLED THROUGH EXISTING CHANNELS. BOTHNER ALSO FEELS THAT FISH SHOULD BE ADDED TO MAJOR FOODS LISTED IN PARA 8 OF REFERENCE.

3. BOTHNER WOULD LIKE TO BE INFORMED, IF POSSIBLE, ON FURTHER USG THINKING ON WFC AND THE SPECIFIC MAKE-UP OF US DELEGATIONS TO PREPCOMS AND WFC. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHETHER PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN, ESPECIALLY THOSE DEALING IN FOOD COMMODITIES, ARE OR WILL BE MEMBERS OF US DELEGATION. BYRNE

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